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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): TOYOSHIMA, Haruko; OKUDA, Yasuyuki

For: DISPOSABLE DIAPER CAPABLE OF BEING PUT ON EITHER FROM THE FRONT OR THE BACK OF A WEARER

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty-Four (24) pages
- ☒ Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-218959, 2003-027631 and 2003-139690 filed in JAPAN on July 26, 2002, February 4, 2003 and May 16, 2003.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

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- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-218959, 2003-027631 and 2003-139690 filed in JAPAN on July 26, 2002, February 4, 2003 and May 16, 2003, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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